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Applicant : Graham P. Allaway, et al.

U.S. Serial No.: 09/460,216

Examiner: J. Parkin

Filed : December 13, 1999

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For : METHODS FOR PREVENTING HIV-1 INFECTION OF
CD4+ CELLS

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SIR:

PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the September 26, 2003 Advisory Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. On August 29, 2003 applicants submitted in the above-identified application (1) an Amendment In Response To The February 27, 2003 Final Office Action, including as an Exhibit a Second Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Tatjana Dragic and (2) a Notice of Appeal from the final rejection to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. An Advisory Action was mailed September 26, 2003 by the Office stating that the Amendment and Declaration would not be entered and setting October 29, 2003 as the due date for filing a Brief on Appeal. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time. The required fee for a two-month extension of time is TWO HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS (\$210.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status and such status is still applicable. Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$210.00 to cover this fee. Accordingly, a response to the

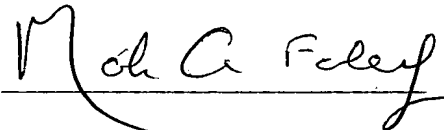
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September 26, 2003 Advisory Action is now due on December 29, 2003.

In response to the Advisory Action, applicants are concurrently filing on the same date as this Petition a Request For Continued Examination of the subject application requesting entry of the August 29, 2003 Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action together with the Second Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Tatjana Dragic submitted therewith, and the appropriate fee, addressed to Mail Stop RCE. With the filing of this Petition, the subject application is still pending and thus applicants' Request For Continued Examination is being timely filed.

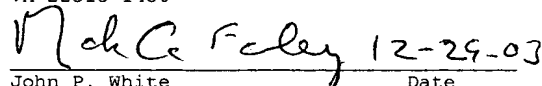
No fee, other than the \$210.00 fee for a two-month extension of time is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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